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1. USSR



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2. Cyprus

The Greeks say they will delay for at least ten days any further move of SAM equipment to Cyprus. The behavior of the Greek freighters involved is consistent with this promise.

Athens contends, however, that unless Makarios is given some sort of guarantee against Turkish attack, he must eventually accept additional Soviet arms.

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These preparations may be for Turkey's "largest exercise ever," scheduled for 24 March, or the rotation of the Turkish contingent on Cyprus which Ankara is determined to carry out before the end of the month.

3. Western Europe

Initial reactions to the Italian foreign minister's proposals for a May meeting on European political unification, noted in yesterday's Brief, have been notably unenthusiastic. Most capitals applaud the idea of unity talks, but feel that the time is not yet ripe.

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4. Vietnam

The British got the impression from their talks with Gromyko that the Soviets recognize they have little influence in either Peiping or Hanoi with respect to Vietnam. This, together with the fact that Moscow is reluctant to run counter to Hanoi's wishes, probably contributes to the Soviet hesitancy to move toward negotiations just now.

Paris says that it has had only passing discussions with the Chinese and Vietnamese in recent weeks, and these have disclosed no departure from their hard public stands.

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The Viet Cong's "Anti-American Day" produced only minor incidents directed against US personnel and installations.

5. South Korea

The negotiations for a package settlement of Korea's long-standing differences with Japan are finally nearing a successful conclusion.

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Pak has said he will use strong measures against any attempt to take the issue into the streets.

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6. Congo

Ground and air operations against the rebels are being hampered by a lack of ammunition and equipment. New, urgent requests for more have been sent to Brussels with a warning that failure to fill them could bring action to a halt. Belgium, which seems to be dragging its feet, has just received a report from Col. Van der Walle urging further Belgian material assistance.

7. Japan

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